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In Re

Application of : G. Fattman Examiner: L. K. Wyrozebski
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For : Hydrocolloid Adhesive Compositions
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please consider the following prior to taking action in the above-described application:

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1, 16 and 20 as follows:

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1. A pressure sensitive hydrocolloid adhesive for medical use comprising the following composition by percentage weight:

- a) from about 2% to about 10% ethylene propylene rubber
- b) from about 9.5% to about 16% styrenic block copolymer
- c) from about 24% to about 33% [polyvinylcyclohexane] aliphatic hydrocarbon tackifying resin [having a softening point below] that is solid above about 37°C
- d) from about up to .5% anti-oxidant
- e) from about 15% to about 35% NaCMC (Low DS)
- f) from about 5% to about 20% pectin
- g) from 0% to about 6% tackifier with low softening point
- h) from about 3% to about 12% plasticizer
- i) from 0% to about 25% NaCMC (high DS)
- j) from 0% to about 6% powdered cellulose

wherein the probe tack force in grams is in the range of 400-750, saline absorbency is in the range of about 500-5000 g/m²/d, and tensile strength is in the range of about 500-3500 g/cm².

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16. A pressure sensitive hydrocolloid adhesive for medical use comprising the following